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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

GISLAINA RICHE,

Plaintiff,

v.

SELIP & STYLIANOU, LLP,

Defendant.

Civil Action No: 24-506 (SDW) (ESK)

WHEREAS OPINION

March 11, 2024

WIGENTON, District Judge.

THIS MATTER having come before this Court upon *pro se* Plaintiff Gislaina Riche's ("Plaintiff") filing of a complaint (D.E. 1 ("Complaint")) and an accompanying application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (D.E. 1-4 ("IFP Application")); and

WHEREAS a district court may allow a plaintiff to commence a civil action without paying the filing fee—that is, *in forma pauperis*—so long as the plaintiff submits an affidavit demonstrating that he or she is "unable to pay such fees." 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1); and

WHEREAS Plaintiff's IFP Application, although incomplete, sufficiently demonstrates that she cannot pay the filing fee because she has: (1) no income, (2) \$15 in her bank account, (3) \$300 in investments, (4) at least \$290 in monthly expenses, and (5) \$130,000 outstanding on her student loans. (D.E. 1-4 at 1–2); therefore

Plaintiff's IFP Application is **GRANTED**. An appropriate order follows.

/s/ Susan D. Wigenton
SUSAN D. WIGENTON, U.S.D.J.

Orig: Clerk
cc: Parties
Edward S. Kiel, U.S.M.J.